

(c) When the matter came to the notice through Audit, it was immediately rectified and recoveries ordered from the officers concerned. The recoveries are in progress.

### Dual pricing policy on fertilizers

5778. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government are not implementing a dual pricing policy on fertilizers which envisages a thirty per cent price increase for big farmers and pre-budget prices for small and marginal farmers; and

(b) if so, the manner in which Government propose to implement the dual pricing policy on fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLYRAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The State Government have generally expressed, administrative difficulties in implementing the dual pricing scheme. Some of the State Governments have also expressed apprehensions that the funds proposed for this purpose, are inadequate. However, the Government in consultation with the State Governments/UTs have issued guidelines to prepare schemes for ensuring supply of

fertilisers to the small and marginal farmers at prices notified prior to 25th July, 1991.

### Crop Insurance Scheme

5779. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:  
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:  
DR. G.L. KANAUJIA:  
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated value of crops damaged by floods, drought and other natural calamities during 1990-1991; and

(b) the compensation paid under Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme during 1988-89 and 1989-90, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLYRAMACHANDRAN): (a) The estimated value of crops damaged by floods, drought and other natural calamities during 1990 and 1991 is Rs. 450.17 crore and Rs. 106.11 crore, respectively.

(b) A Statement is attached.

### STATEMENT

| Sl. No.             | Name of State/U. Ts. | Total amount of indemnity claims paid (Rs. in lakh) |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1                   | 2                    | 3   |
| 1. Andhra Pradesh   | 225.62               | 2446.72   |
| 2. Assam            | 18.03                | 12.75   |
| 3. Bihar            | 71.40                | 109.87  |
| 4. Gujarat          | 113.83               | 698.89  |
| 5. Himachal Pradesh | 5.02                 | 0.02  |